



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Lincoln Police department and Lancaster County Sheriff's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Court Judge for the District of Nebraska, sentenced Naptaly Morales Mendoza to 10 years and one month in federal prison for his role in conspiring to distribute methamphetamine in Nebraska.

Information developed by law enforcement investigators determined that Morales Mendoza had been distributing methamphetamine in Central and Eastern Nebraska for several years, beginning in early 2007. At the sentencing hearing, Morales Mendoza was held accountable for the distribution of over 500 grams of methamphetamine.

Judge Kopf ordered the sentence to run consecutively to an unrelated state sentence that Morales Mendoza is currently serving. A citizen of Mexico, Morales Mendoza faces deportation after completion of his federal prison sentence.

Name of Defendant: Naptaly Morales Mendoza

AKA: Santos Zaragoza Mendoza

Age: 34

City of residence: none listed

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, five to 40 years imprisonment, up to a \$2,000,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 4 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime:

Location of Arrest: Lincoln, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: over 500 grams of methamphetamine
Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: January 1, 2007 through February 1, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: February 25, 2010

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: February 18, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: February 25, 2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): pled September 1, 2010

Sentencing Date: November 30, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Cheryl Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

Initials of Assigned SAUSA/Preparer of THIS Release: JML